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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, Applicant offers the following remarks. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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**Conclusions begin on page 20 of this paper.**

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.